

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 to 7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) A fuel injector comprising;

- a valve needle;
- an armature forming an axially movable valve part together with the valve needle;
- a restoring spring acting upon the armature;
- a magnetic coil cooperating with the armature;
- a valve-seat body;
- a valve-closure member, which forms a sealing seat with the valve-seat body, being provided on the valve needle; and
- a valve sleeve surrounding the armature and the valve needle, a wall thickness of the valve sleeve varying across its axial extension;

wherein the wall thickness of the valve sleeve decreases in a discharge direction of the fuel in order to limit noise emissions;

wherein a radial cross section of the valve sleeve decreases between an inflow-side region and a discharge-side region on a collar which also separates the inflow-side region having greater material strength from the discharge-side region having lower material strength;

wherein the radial cross section and the wall thickness of the inflow-side region are constant from the collar to an inflow-side end of the valve sleeve;

wherein the decreased radial cross section and the decreased wall thickness of the discharge-side region are constant from the collar to a discharge-side end of the valve sleeve; and

wherein a supply pipe is inserted into the valve sleeve in the inflow-side region which has the heavier design the inflow-side region of the valve sleeve is formed in one piece with a supply pipe.

Claim 9. (Canceled).

10. (Previously Presented) The fuel injector according to claim 8, wherein the wall thickness of the valve sleeve is about 0.5 mm in an inflow-side region.

Claims 11 to 13. (Canceled).

14. (Previously Presented) The fuel injector according to claim 10, wherein the wall thickness of the valve sleeve is about 0.3 mm in a discharge-side region.